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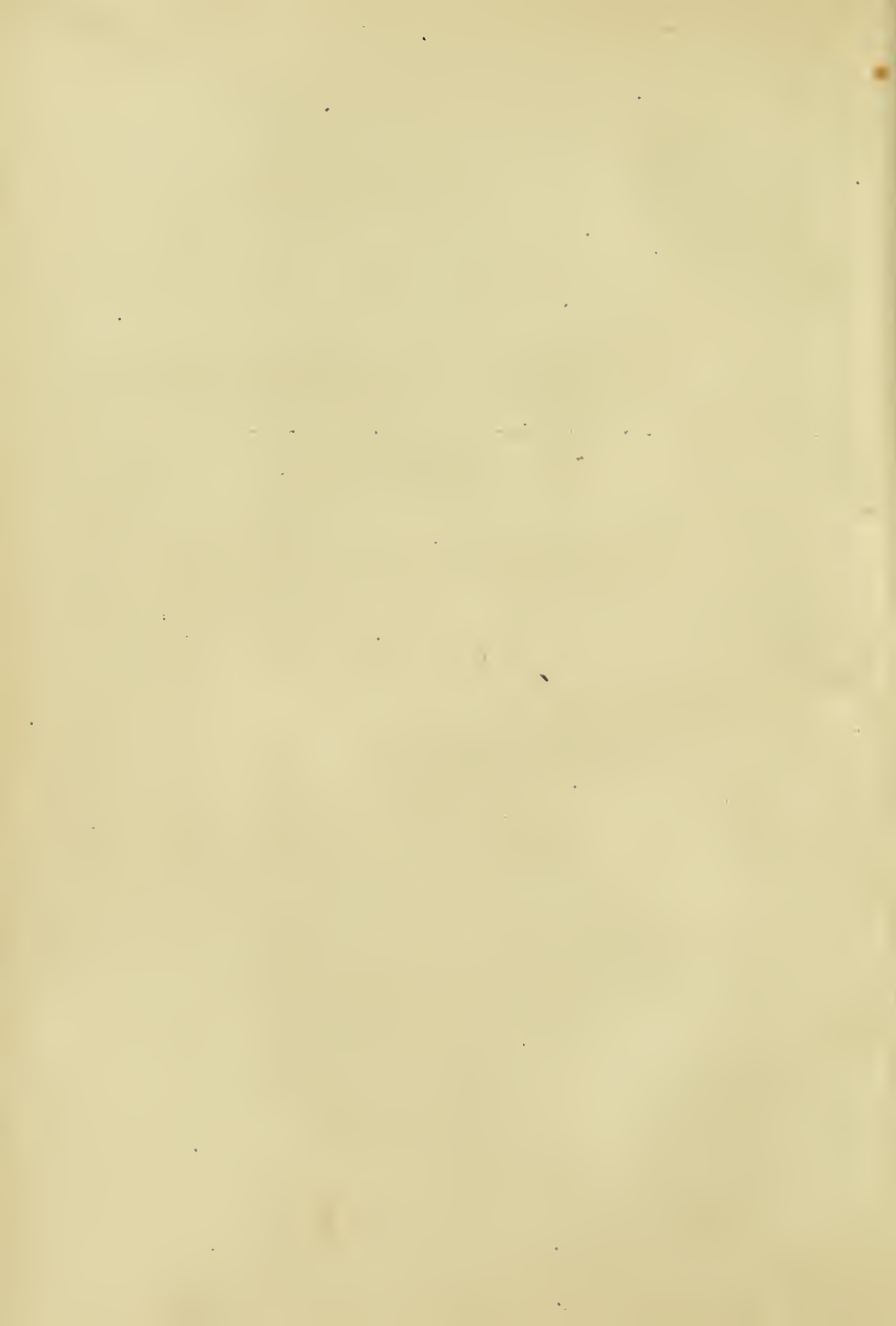
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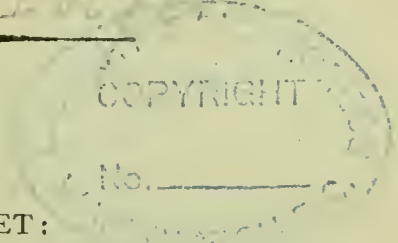
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the liberal aid received from our friends in the shape of advertisements, we give our sincere thanks; and as this is our first attempt at publishing in book form, we crave the indulgence of the kind public if we have committed any glaring mistakes.

A Preface, at the best, is but an apology, and according to the time-honored custom of authors and publishers, we submit this excuse—that among the chaff we publish here, may there be found a few sound kernels.

EDITOR OF THE "ISLAND REVIEW."

Nantucket, July 30th, 1874.

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE ISLAND OF NANTUCKET.

Although it is popularly supposed that Christopher Columbus was the original discoverer of America, in 1492, it is now absolutely certain that seamen had preceded him centuries before, and that he was only repeating history when he announced to a more enlightened world the existence of a vast continent across the ocean, for it is now definitely settled that a bold and hardy Norwegian seaman crossed the stormy Atlantic to colonies in Greenland, in the year 985, discovering Nantucket on that voyage, naming it *Nauticon*.

Our island, from the time this daring navigator, Bjorne Herjulfson by name, discovered it, seems to be without historical record, until it was visited by Bartholomew Goswold, an Englishman, in the year 1602.

In the year 1620, Nantucket was included in

the grant to the Plymouth Company under a patent from the English Crown, under which patent, William, Earl of Sterling, and Fernando Gorges, claimed authority over it, and by whom it was conveyed to Thomas Mayhew in 1640 or 1641.

Some eighteen years later, Thomas Mayhew sold to Tristram Coffin, Thomas Macy, Christopher Hussey, Richard Swain, Thomas Barnard, Peter Coffin, Stephen Greenleaf, John Swain and William Pile, nine-tenths of the island, excepting that part called Quaise, (see map on cover) to hold in common with himself. Each of these ten were authorized to select an associate or partner, and thus the number of proprietors was increased to twenty. The consideration named in the deed was, "Thirty pounds of current pay, and also two beaver hats, one for myself and one for my wife."

Although the ten men had become owners of all the right and title to the island that the Crown could give them, yet they considered that the tribes of Indians who held possession were the true owners, so they commenced to treat with the various sachems, and shortly acquired by purchase, a large part of the land from the natives.

In 1659, in the fall, when the Quakers in Massachusetts were being persecuted for their religious

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renets, Thomas Macy of Salisbury, having given shelter to some Friends during a tempest, incurred thereby the displeasure of the people and the law, and to avoid punishment, and also escape to some place where more liberality was tolerated, took his family and Edward Starbuck in an open boat, arriving in a short time at Nantucket, landing on the north side of the island.

The liberality of feeling in Thomas Macy to assist suffering humanity, in an age of superstition and religious bigotry, even if the objects of his charity were of a despised and persecuted sect, has been sung to the world in a hymn of praise, by a poet, who belongs to the denomination that was then placed beyond the pale of society and law, and at this late day preserve their faith with increased purity, and remember gratefully that there was one man that dared to obey the dictates of his conscience at all hazards, and relieve their suffering brethren, even if it brought punishment on his own head; and now nearly two centuries later his act is still remembered and his praise sung by one of their own faith, in the beautiful poem entitled "The Exiles." It is hardly necessary to say that the poet is the bard of the present time—Whittier.

There were about fifteen hundred Indians on

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
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the island when the fugitives arrived here; and the white men found that they were friendly and peaceable, the natives treating the strangers with great kindness. Fish and fowl were plenty, and the wanderers finding they were hospitably received, located at Maddekot harbor where they built them a house.

During the spring of 1660, Edward Starbuck went back to Salisbury, and prevailed upon several of the joint proprietors to take their families and return with him to his new home to settle there. As an inducement for immigration the proprietors granted to seven other persons, principally mechanics, a share in the whole island equal with their own, provided they would move here and make new homes.

Every year they selected a new tract of land, cleared and fenced it, and after it was ready to farm, divided it into twenty-seven shares, each owner in common tilling his own portion or not as he desired.

Having, after a time, acquired considerable number of cattle and sheep, the stock fed at large on the island, roaming at will, except in the month of June, when the sheep were driven into enclosures, washed and sheared of their fleecy coats, and then turned out to pasture as before. This

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method of caring for the stock was kept up for nearly two hundred years, only ceasing in 1848, when, by vote of the proprietors of the common and undivided land, on account of the great abuses that had crept into the custom, the principal one of which was the fact that many persons pastured more stock than their inheritance or purchase of land gave them privilege to use, it was decided to restrain all from pasturage outside of the enclosed tracts. The greatest objections to this regulation came from those who over-stocked, and those who owned no land at all, and was the cause of many and bitter dissensions; but it was finally accepted, and "The Sheep Question" resolved itself into a subject for argument for many a year, until now, dying out, is hardly thought to be worth mentioning. Those of us who remember the time, however, when our common and undivided land outside the town was dotted with some ten thousand sheep, remember Nantucket in her palmy days, when our streets resembled the crowded thoroughfare of a city, (we were even aspiring to be one,) when business was brisk, the air resounding with the noise of the caulking-iron, as the carpenters worked like bees on the shipping at the wharves, the coopers aiding in the hum of prosperity as they hammered in swift cadences, "cooper,

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cooper, round the cask!" while the sturdy blacksmith, with his heavier tools, his iron at welding heat, aided by the hands of his lusty assistant, kept the air alive with his not unmelodious ring of, "ten, pound, ~~ten!~~ ten, pound, ~~ten!~~" all contributing their portion in fitting a ship to sail to all parts of the world to seek for the oleaginous gains that gave Nantucket the name of "THE HOME OF THE WHALE-FISHERY," the industry only relaxing when in June we annually went to Miacomet Plain on our great gala-day of sheep shearing; and we long for the good old times when we were all engaged in the busy pursuits of life, and hard times unknown on the island.

The early proprietors were generally illiterate; so they induced Peter Folger, the grandfather of Benjamin Franklin, to move here from Martha's Vineyard, to serve as miller, weaver and interpreter with the Indians, one-half a share of land being offered for his use if he would come, which offer was accepted, and he settled here about 1663.

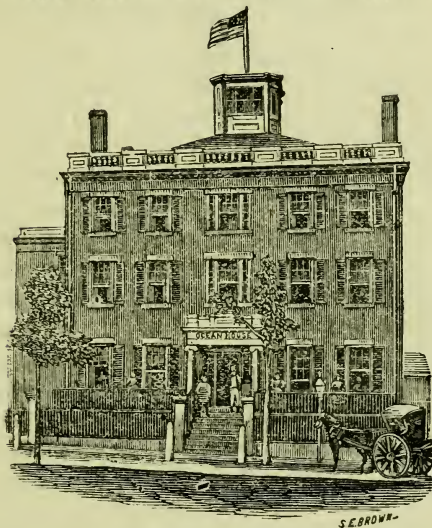
The first mill for grinding grain was built some three years later.

When Nantucket was first settled by the whites, they observed that whales were plenty all around it, but not knowing how to kill them they were unmolested, until about 1668, when a "scragg" whale

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was seen sporting around the inner harbor, so they resolved to secure him if it were possible. All got together, a rude harpoon was speedily forged out, and with great peril they attacked the monster and accomplished the feat of turning his flukes up and towing him to the shore. They little thought when they did this that they were making the beginning of a business that was to found the wealth of the island, and secure for it a recognition of its importance throughout the globe.

Their success led them to follow their perilous undertaking until 1672, when they offered a grant of land, with other privileges, to James Loper, to move here "to carry on a design of Whale Catching." It is uncertain if Loper accepted this offer, nothing being found as yet to prove that he settled here, although the impression prevails among many that he did come. At that time there was no cooper with sufficient skill to make barrels safe enough to hold their oil, so John Savage accepted an invitation to come here on the same terms offered Loper. The inhabitants, whether Loper came here or not, now formed whaling stations at different locations on the beach round the island, erected spars to lookout from for whales, and so with their boats at hand on the shore, were ready to chase the leviathans of the deep whenever the

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were despoiled. The Indians were very much pleased with the new industry, its excitement and danger being peculiarly adapted to their venturesome dispositions, and they were very efficient in their aid. The most whales that were ever killed around the island in one day was eleven; and up to the year 1760, shore whaling was pursued with vigor, not a single white person having been killed or drowned while in the business; and as the whales were now getting scarce in the vicinity of the land, the pursuit from the shore was abandoned in this year.

The whales have all disappeared from our waters, although an occasional one will wander in our vicinity, seeming to taunt us with the sight of his presence as we reflect on the former of our ancestors.


When whaling from the shore was given up, there was no regular town; but in 1673, a site was decided upon, and by order of the Governor of New York, the island then being under his jurisdiction, the site was incorporated as Sherburne, and remained so for many years. Nantucket island was a part of New York until 1693, when it was ceded to Massachusetts, and became part of that Province.

Up to the period of 1760, there were no reli-

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BLUBBER AT THE WHARF, &c.

gious societies on the island among the whites, although the people are described as being very devout in their manner, and greatly given to the worship of God. Translations of the bible in the native dialect had been introduced among the Indians, and they had four churches. The bible they used was probably the Elliot translation, one having remained on the island up to a late period.

In 1704, Thomas Story, an approved minister of the Society of Friends, came to the island, and so great was his piety, and so impressive his teaching, that a "meeting" was formed, which grew so in strength that nearly all became members, and the society was numbered by hundreds. There are two Friends' meetings at the present day, each branch (for the society in later years split in two from internal dissensions) having their separate meeting house, although the membership is rapidly decreasing; and as there are few converts to the faith it looks as though in years to come Quakerism on Nantucket, like whaling, will be a thing of the past.

The whales that had been captured from the shore, were all right whales; but in 1712, Christopher Hussey, while cruising in a small vessel near the island for them, being blown to sea in a gale, killed a spermaceti and brought it into Nantucket.

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This gave new impetus to the business, and small craft of about thirty tons were immediately fitted out for cruises of from one to two months. Boats being discarded for vessels, it was now requisite that a suitable landing-place be made, so in 1723, the Straight Wharf was constructed ; that being the one at the foot of our Main Street. As the business grew, larger vessels were obtained, and longer voyages projected, until in 1775, there were about one hundred and fifty vessels in the business, some of which were quite large brigs. At this time there was a population of forty-five hundred of whites.

The oil-factors of Nantucket were very energetic in their business, for as early as 1745, they had commenced to export oil to Europe on their own account, and by importing goods wanted in this country, made their ventures very profitable ; and the sperm candles that they shipped out proved to be of so superior a quality, and commanded such a ready sale, that many Nantucketers engaged solely in that line of manufacture and export.

A disease called "the plague," broke out among the Indians, in 1763. It raged with extreme severity among them for exactly six months, when it suddenly ceased. Before this broke out there were three hundred and fifty-eight ; but when the

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contagion was over, it was found that two hundred and twenty-two had succumbed to the fell destroyer, Death. The tribe steadily diminished in numbers from this time until 1821, when the last of the race, of full blood died; although one half-breed, named Abraham Quarry, the last representative of the Nantucket tribe of Indians lived in a little hut near the Shimmo shore until 1854, when he passed away at the advanced age of eighty-two, the whole race of Indians that our ancestors found here having done precisely as their neighbors on the main land did—by contact with the whites, become civilized from off the face of the earth, although on our island they were singularly exempt from wars, especially with the settlers, who aided them whenever they could, and always managed to keep at peace with them.

Except when stirred to activity by the excitement of whaling, they were very lazy, and at times would have suffered greatly if they had not been helped by the white folks; and as they had acquired a taste for the “fire water” of the whites, considerable difficulty began to be made. The settlers, to avoid trouble among themselves, elected an Indian named Kadooda as a petty arbitrator in the tribe, and his ideas of justice would in many cases of law at the present day prove very satis-

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factory to the public: before proceeding to listen to their grievances, he used often to order both plaintiff and defendant to be soundly whipped.

This method of securing justice was arbitrary, but the Indians accepted it as final, for as one of their own race administered the sentence and punishment, they were satisfied, especially when they saw that the whites, whenever there were disputes among themselves, settled their differences by the decision of one of their own choosing, after he had heard the facts of the case plainly set forth by each side. There was no room for pettifoggers at that period, and to this day our islanders avoid suits at law as far as possible, preferring to refer to three fair men for settlement of their disputes; for they fear that suits in court will, at judgment, make each side feel that they would have been better off, if before bringing suit, they had received a little "Kadooda law" and both been whipped.

In the year 1774, when a speck of a war cloud could be seen rising in the political horizon between England and her American colony, the inhabitants of our island were greatly exercised in their minds about the situation of affairs. There were various reasons why they should feel thus perturbed in spirit, for they were differently situated than almost any other colonial community.—

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Leave Oak Bluffs at 6.30, 10.20 A. M., 1.20 P. M.

Leave Vineyard Highlands at 6.20, 10.25 A. M., 1.25 P. M., connecting at Woods Hole with trains of the Old Colony Railroad, leaving at 7.20 A. M., 11.30 (express) A. M., 2.35 P. M.

Returning, leave Woods Hole for Vineyard Highlands and Oak Bluffs, at 11.50, A. M., direct, 2.10 P. M. direct, 6.45 P. M., (touching at Vineyard Haven.)

The steamer for Nantucket connects at Woods Hole with the 11.30 A. M. train from Boston landing passengers at Nantucket at 5.45 P. M., and on Saturdays the 4. P. M. train will also connect with the River Queen at Woods Hole, touching at Oak Bluffs and arriving at Nantucket at 10. P. M.

Leave Vineyard Haven for Oak Bluffs and Woods Hole at 6.00 a m.

Leave Woods Hole for Vineyard Haven at 6.45 p m.

Leave Oak Bluffs for Nantucket at 8.35 a m (excepting Saturdays,) and 3. 30 p m, and on Saturdays at 7.45 p m.

Trains connect at Middleboro' for Taunton and Providence, 10.10 a m, 1.10 and 4.40 p m.

Passengers from Martha's Vineyard connect at Middleboro' at 10.10 a m, with trains for Hartford, via Providence, and for New York, via Fall River line, 4.40 p m. Leave Providence for Oak Bluffs at 8 and 10.50 a m. For Nantucket, at 10.50 a m.

Through tickets for sale on the boats, and baggage checked via Old Colony Railroad to New Bedford, Taunton, Providence, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Brockton, Middleboro', Fall River and Newport.

The majority of the people were Friends in religion, and consequently opposed to war and bloodshed on that account. Then the greater part of their property consisted of whaling vessels at sea, and they feared their capture by armed ships from England was inevitable. There was nothing they could do however to stay the course of events, so they waited in resignation, withdrawing their vessels from service as fast as they arrived; and as good luck attended them they nearly all came home in safety, but few being taken. Those who followed the sea and also the mechanics whose livelihood depended upon the fitting of vessels were thrown out of employment, so they were forced to seek new methods of earning bread. Cod-fishing from the shore and farming on the land immediately began to be attended to, and our energetic ancestors were soon busy in their various ways. The sound between the island and the main land was soon filled with British cruisers, and the supply of provisions now getting short, a new trade opened. Blockade-running was attempted by the more daring, and soon a number of idle whaling vessels at the wharves were engaged in this business. Fast brigs and schooners were loaded with oil, candles and fish, and despatched to the West Indies to barter for

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Excursion Tickets between Woods Hole or Falmouth Heights and Nantucket to go and return,	\$1.50
Single Tickets,	1.00
Between Woods Hole or Falmouth Heights and Oak Bluffs to go and return	.60
Single Tickets,	.50
Between Oak Bluffs and Nantucket to go and return,	1.25
Single Tickets,	.75

All excursion tickets are good until October 1st. In either boat except so far as they relate to Falmouth Heights; the latter class being valid only upon the excursion boat.

C. C. CROSBY, Clerk

Nantucket, July 4th, 1874.

goods required at home. The risk of capture was very great, and so many of the smugglers were seized that the vessels that escaped being taken were finally withdrawn. Sail-boats plied between the island and Connecticut, however, their navigators running them wholly in the night time, the stormier the weather was, the better their purpose being answered, although the danger of being lost at sea was infinitely increased. The inhabitants suffered greatly, however, for the necessary articles of life, fuel being among their great deprivations; although they made peat from the swamps fill that want as far as possible; but when the British landed here in 1779, and sacked the stores of the town of what few goods they had, their cup of sorrow was full to overflowing.

There were a few Tories on the island, although the predominant feeling was for the colony and the new movement for independence. Their feelings were greatly subdued, however, for they deprecated violence, yet the success of the Continental troops in war always gratified them in secret, while reverses caused them proportionate depression and gloominess of spirit.

The Provincial government were so cramped for means that they were powerless to protect a little island like Nantucket, and so the people were

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forced to live in perpetual fear of being raided upon by crews from vessels of war cruising in the vicinity, and they at last decided that their only salvation from predatory incursions consisted in declaring a strict neutrality, so in 1779, a committee was appointed by the inhabitants, and acting under their instructions went to New York, where they represented their condition to Sir George Collier, Commander-in-Chief of the British naval forces, and received from his hands an order prohibiting all armed vessels from meddling with the people of Nantucket or their home property. Of course what vessels they had afloat were not included in this protection. Shortly after this, however, a sloop of war was sent here with orders to destroy the place, it being charged that signals were being given by designated parties to warn in-coming vessels that they were liable to be captured by the enemy: It was proved clearly to the commander of this expedition that it was a libellous report, and after thoroughly frightening the defenceless community he sailed without molesting them.

When peace was declared, at last, the Nantucketers were filled with joy, although their business was destroyed. One old man who died a few years since, when alive, was fond of telling his recollection of peace; he said—"When I was a small boy a

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man came running up the street shouting:—
‘Peace! peace!’ and then cheering lustily.”

“ ‘Why don’t you hurrah, boy?’ he asked me.”

“ ‘What does peace mean?’ I asked.”

“ ‘Plenty of white bread and molasses,’ was his reply as he hurried away to impart the glorious news to others.”

“I understood him in a moment, went to cheering as loud as I could, and for years after thought peace meant, ‘plenty of white bread and molasses.’ ”

There were about one hundred and fifty whalers before the war, but when the revolution arrived at its happy conclusion our island only boasted of a fleet of two. New craft was obtained as soon as possible, and the people began afresh. Whaling in the Pacific Ocean was attempted in 1791, the first ship being sent there then, and it proved a very fortunate adventure, for she returned in about a year and a half with a full cargo of oil.

In 1795 the name of the town was changed from Sherburne to that of the island—Nantucket. It now increased in population until 1845, the war of 1812 having occurred in that time, although the island did not suffer so much deprivation during that troublesome period as it did in the protracted struggle of the country for Independence.

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It was during the war of 1812, that a sanguinary battle was fought on the sea near our island, and the peaceful inhabitants saw the horrors of war brought to their own door.

On the 10th, of October, 1814, a privateer with a prize ship in convoy anchored off the south side of the island. The privateer proved to be the *Prince of Neufchatel*, a Yankee vessel, commanded by a Frenchman who was so hideous in his appearance and so diminutive in stature that he is described as a very Caliban in looks.

Shortly after they anchored off from Maddequeecham Pond, a vessel that was in sight hull down, only her tophamper being visible, began to head for the privateer.

The approaching vessel proved to be the British frigate *Endymion*; and after overhauling the privateer she hove to outside of her prey and prepared to send a boat expedition to capture her.

The boats, five in number, left the *Endymion* about 2 P. M., the squadron containing 146 men, commanded by the first lieutenant of the frigate; and they opened the battle by attempting to board the *Prince* and carry her by assault, but was totally defeated in thirty-five minutes, the naval affray being witnessed by many from the beach, while the noise of the fight was plainly heard in town.

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The *Prince* depended upon small arms for their defence, for having plenty of muskets they loaded two hundred of them and the result was, that two of the boats were captured, the largest sunk with all on board, and out of 146 in the boat expedition only 16 returned to the *Endymion*.

The privateer took but twenty-seven prisoners and as seventeen of them were wounded the loss of the assaulting party was terrible, the first lieutenant of the frigate, as well as the subaltern officers being among the slain; and having lost a third of her complement of men, the frigate gave up the attack in despair, and not daring to continue over the shoals between her and the privateer sailed away.

Several of the crew of the *Prince of Neufcha* were killed, among them being Mr. Charles Hilburn, of Nantucket, who was on board acting as a pilot. The wounded prisoners were sent ashore in charge of five other prisoners, all under parole, being landed at Sesachacha, at that time a village of thirty or forty houses, and from there they were brought to town for medical assistance.

Sunday, October 16th, nine that were killed in the fight, or died of their wounds, were landed for burial, and then the privateer sailed for Boston with her prize, arriving there in safety.

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Nantucket, despite her Quaker tendencies, had a good representation in the service of the country, and we have obtained the following list of names, and the branch of service they were in :

Daniel Fitch, Sylvanus Long (killed in battle), Thomas Hussey, Christopher Bunker, John Barnard, Owen Russell, John Cottle, Andrew Coffin, Seth Long, Clothier Allen, John Kelley, Samuel Gardner, William P. Coffin, Seth Pollard, Solomon Coffin, Jr., and Edward Hussey, in privateers.

Abisha Gardner, Amos Bowls, Henry Coleman David A. Macy, Matthew Jones, Barzillai Stetson, William Worth, David Russell and Giles Folger, in the navy.

Gorham Macy and William Keene were in a Spanish privateer ; and David Bunker and Charles Gardner, 3d, in the ship President.

In the army, there were :

Jesse Parker, Caleb Cushman, Thomas Ber-

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ker, Thomas Kelly, Ezekiel Clark, Charles Swain, Francis Young, Joseph Elkins and Nathaniel Bunker, Jr.

Of the foregoing list, all but two have passed away. One is Captain William Worth, who was a boatswain on Commodore Porter's frigate, having joined it after having the whaler he commanded captured by the British; and he yet lives to tell the tale of his cruise with the commodore.

The other veteran is Mr. Edward Hussey, who was for a time, a resident in a celebrated chateau in England, known as Dartmoor Prison, he having been captured by the British, and been a partaker of its hospitalities. They are always ready to tell their experiences in the '12 war, and their stories will well repay one to hear from their own lips, for they still retain vigorous minds of a superior cast.

Nantucket also boasts of another person, who, in an humble way, was an active member in historic times, it being Mr. Robert Ratcliff, who was a petty officer on the British frigate that carried the fallen emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, to his island jail, St. Helena.

An interview with these old veterans is really worth the while to those of us who live in later dates; for there is an indescribable charm in seeing those who were actors in such exciting times:

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Nantucket, June 27th, 1874.

Banking-houses had been established, and the strict spirit of Quakerism began to break, the inhabitants, from their commercial communications on the main land having acquired a more worldly feeling, for they now began to conform more to the customs of their neighbors. A Universalist church was organized about this period, the society holding their services in a hall leased for the purpose; but that form of religion was too liberal in its teachings, and after languishing for a few years it died out for want of substantial encouragement.

Schools were opened to the public in 1827, and after a great effort by the editor of the *Inquirer*, Hon. S. H. Jenks, a High School was formed which immediately began to acquire a good reputation for the scholarly attainments to be had from it; and it enjoys its excellent reputation to this day.

It was during this year that Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin, of the British navy, visited the island and found he was related by blood to nearly all of the inhabitants; and being desirous of showing some regard for his kinsmen, consulted their feelings and founded the Coffin School, endowing it liberally; the school yet being in prosperous condition; having a high standard in its educational course, and being held in great local estimation; showing the wisdom of its founder in thus erecting a mon-

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ument that will endure for ages, and cause his name to be remembered long after his fame will be forgotten in his own country.

In July, 1846, a fire broke out on the Main Street and swept through the business part of the town, and in less than ten hours nearly a million dollars' worth of property was destroyed. It was a hard blow to the island; and this was followed by many of the whaling fleet making very disastrous voyages. The California fever swept over the island in 1849, before the people had fully recovered from their previous reverses, and many men, heads of families, sought new fields for business in the Eldorado so glowingly pictured. In about three years' time over a thousand of our citizens had gone to the Pacific slope, and whaling, that had declined before, now began to die out fast. Despite all these reverses it had begun to revive some, when the war of the rebellion burst forth, and now our whaling business received its death blow.

Our men went into the cause of the Union with prompt celerity, not only in the navy, where it would seem likeliest for them to go according to their birth and education, but also in the army, and the quota from Nantucket was always kept full. There were sixty-nine who lost their lives by bullet and disease during the war, while her crippled veterans can be

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Strangers, at well as our own people, will find this a delightful sail across Nantucket harbor and around Brant Point, our pleasant town and the shore line being in view the entire distance.


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seen any time, attesting the fact that the same blood that attacked whales did not flinch before the foes of the country.

Nantucket as a place of business has declined, but there is yet a glorious future before her. Although her whalers are all sold, and her oil factories torn down or closed up, yet the people love their home and will yet see it arise from its prostration, and like a Phœnix, emerge from the ashes only to reach higher altitudes. There has been an attempt in this historical sketch to show how the island grew in prosperity to the present time, and having essayed to do this, the attention of the reader is now invited to look at

NANTUCKET AS A WATERING PLACE,

The writer of these pages, while sitting in Willard's in Washington, some years ago, heard a gentleman say to another, "I believe you are from Philadelphia, are you not?" and receiving an answer in the affirmative, greeted him as an acquaintance. Their conversation became general, and soon they were talking about the different towns and cities of the country. "There are three dead places, sir," said one. "What are they?" inquired the other. "Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Annapolis, Maryland, and Nantucket, Massachusetts," was

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Nantucket is far from death. Having furnished light for the world, she is now commencing to furnish health for the weary summer sojourner who lingers on her shore, as she furnished refuge to Thomas Macy over a couple of centuries ago.

Situate some thirty miles out in the sea, and being a narrow island, it is continually swept by winds from the broad Atlantic, there being no long intervale of wooded land to heat the air as it crosses the island from point to point, no matter in what direction the wind may come from. When the thermometer ranges above 75° , which it seldom does for the summer, the people begin to think it is very hot; and when it announces 80° in the middle of the day, then the weather is fearful, although it only remains for a few hours at that height; and scarcely a night passes but what the bed clothing is very comfortable indeed.

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atmosphere it enjoys, Nantucket does not fail to charm the visitors to its shores, and induce their return another season. Fish and fowl were inducements for the first visitors, and fish yet remains an attraction for travellers. The shooting, before the ready guns of our skilled sportsmen, has nearly or quite gone; but fish yet remain in abundance. Blue-fish swarm in the waters, giving the disciples of old Walton but little chance for deep reverie as they experience the bite of the voracious fish, and with their fingers well protected by rubber cots, pull him into the boat, or land their game through the surf on the shore, the whole body quivering with excitement as they unhook their ten-pounder, and give another cast into the sea. For a day's sport with fish, blue-fishing is one of our attractions, and you go again and again, never seeming to have satiety.

Scupping is another favorite amusement; and although the excitement is not so great for the gentlemen, yet the ladies, not having to exercise so much strength, prefer this sport greatly, especially if their gentlemen friends escort them and exert their talent to keep the hooks well-baited for the fair ones, and yet catch as many fish as their lovely companions do; and as the fish bite sharp there must be quick work to answer the call for

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more bait," attend to their own line, and keep their hand up.

Pond-fishing is also a pleasant way of passing the day. You go to Sesáchacha, or 'Sachacha Pond, as it is called, and going out in a small boat on this delightful lake, you surprise yourself after two hours' fishing, by finding that your catch of the beautiful silver perch is reckoned by hundreds.

Or again you take a reed and go to the Hummock at the North Head, or to either end of the Long Pond, and pull the finny perch ashore with a success that is perfectly astonishing. But you have now exhausted the gentler fishing, and you sigh for new fields to conquer.

A trip sharking is proposed. Securing one of the jaunty yachts at the wharf you take a run down to Great Point, and having baited the immense swivel-hook with a blue-fish caught on the run down, you drop a line to the sea-lawyers loafing round in the waters below, waiting for something to turn up, or down, just as you please.

After waiting patiently for the scent to spread about, and wondering whether you'll get a bite or not, and also if you will be able to tell if you do, you feel a jerk on the line that almost takes it from your grasp, and with a faint suspicion in your mind that you have caught a whale, you announce that

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you, while the little yacht is speeding on its way home ; and having landed your ugly catch on the wharf you find that you are indeed an object of interest to those whose nerves will not allow them to essay any more exciting fishing than that heretofore described.

Fishing at Nantucket cannot be excelled at any point around our coast, and those who essay their skill in that direction never complain of "a fisherman's luck."

A NANTUCKET SQUANTUM.

"Squantum" is a peculiarly local word at Nantucket, conveying as a general meaning, the word pic-nic. But the natives have another definition to it. When they talk of a Squantum in its perfect sense they also include a clam-bake ; and one of our island clam-bakes is a marvel of gastronomic success.

Those who are uninitiated with its mysteries may be somewhat interested to know how the bakes are conducted, so we will endeavor to give them a faint description.

We will suppose that you desire to have a Squantum on the beautiful little island of Tuckernuck, a pleasant ten miles' sail from town, and have given directions accordingly to the skipper of the


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Everything is ready for your coming, a deep hole having been dug in the ground, paved with clean cobble stones taken from the edge of the shore, where by the ceaseless action of the waves they have become perfectly smooth and clean, and are admirably adapted for their present use.

A hot fire has been built on them some hours previous to the arrival of the party, and you find they are red-hot when you get there, and the man in attendance is just sweeping the last cinders from the fiery bed of stone.

A thin layer of moist sea-weed is now spread over the hot stones, clams distributed over the smoking covering, a layer of the sea-weed again, more clams sandwiched in, and now a few dressed fowl are placed in, with potatoes, and if the season is late enough a few dozen ears of corn in the husk, and the heap rounded over with seaweed and left to its fate.

The fumes soon begin to arise with appetizing

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odor, especially as you feel as though you could eat a whale after your trip over the water from island to island, and you are prepared to do justice to the feast when the master of ceremonies announces that the bake is ready and the Squantum has commenced.

The covering of sea-weed is carefully removed, your eyes being greeted with the sight of the fowl done to a turn, the clams having impregnated them with a seasoning that cannot be appreciated by any one who has not been there before.

The vegetables in the next layer have aided to flavor the fowl, and they in turn have a suspicion of clams lingering about them, while the shell-fish themselves are a dish fit to set before a king.

You eat as you never ate before, and realize how one of our "institutions" must be seen to be understood, for it can never be described and have the justice done to it with a pen that you can give it with your taste and teeth.

We have given but a few of the attractions for sport on our island, and now we will attempt to show how your time can be pleasantly employed in sight-seeing.

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By the Weeweeder and Nobadeer ponds, you drive out to the Humane House on the edge of the shore erected by the National Government, and find on arriving there that the broad Atlantic is tumbling in at your feet. Now a short wave comes rolling in, followed by another and another, and anon comes a huge roller that dashes furiously on the beach, making you leave the edge of the water rather precipitately, the sound of the wave seeming to laugh at your scramble away from its moist embrace.

You are looking out over the broad expanse of ocean and as you listen to the lullaby of the waters, and reflect that your next neighbors are on the Azores, you begin to appreciate the gran-

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deur of the scene, and your admiration of the locality so entrances you that you involuntarily shout, —“WHAT A LOCATION FOR A WATERING-PLACE!” and you wonder how it has been neglected so long; for here is the ocean view, and the South wind fresh from its bosom is full of bracing health.

Pond-fishing and salt water fishing are right at your hand, both being contiguous, and you see the superiority of the situation at a glance, and commend the sagacious forethought of the company who have secured the immense tract of land for miles along the shore, and are now laying it out on a grand scale for a watering-place and at prices that are within the reach of every one, and you long at once for a cottage right here, where you can have the thermometer below the seventies all summer, and enjoy yourself thoroughly.

A little to the Westward are a group of houses, and on driving to them you find it is a fishing-station established by the islanders so they can leave their boats and fishing paraphernalia under cover, and also store their catch of cod.

A neat little restaurant has been erected here named the “South Shore House,” and having created quite an appetite by your drive in the bracing air you give it a call and find that you can get a lunch or dinner that will suit the most fastidious

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in taste ; and if you are thirsty, why a cool draught of cider, small beer, etc., await your call.

Although the shore that you are now leaving in the distance as you wend your way to town is roaring bennd you, it is only in a peaceful mood ; for it is only seen in its wildest grandeur in winter ; and woe unto the unfortunate ship, that, driven from its course, finds the South Shore of Nantucket under its ice in a storm ; for there is scarcely a chance of escape from wreck ; and if driven ashore in the night, it may prove the death-bed of the unfortunate mariners aboard ; as it did when the schooner Haines was wrecked, and all hands, some six or seven in number, were lost ; or like the ship Newton, wrecked two days after the Haines, when twenty-seven found a watery grave, carrying horror to the inhabitants of the island, and desolation to many homes in this country and abroad, for the Newton belonged in Hamburg ; and these are only two of a great number of such disasters.

You have arrived in town at last, and now comes a visit to the beautiful

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as there used to be before the weather destroyed them.

'Sconset is seven and a half miles from town, a straggling row of pine trees bordering either side of the road, the distance being accurately defined by lonesome looking mile-stones, at regular intervals apart.

After some forty or fifty minutes driving you arrive at this village, finding it a collection of diminutive cottages, seeming from their appearance to have been taken from a German toy-box and left out of doors here.

Down the principal street in the village, by the Atlantic House, a very comfortable place to tarry in, you stop your horse at a neat restaurant, and see an arch over a tasty bridge bearing the inscription,

"SUNSET HEIGHTS."

This is the new watering-place established by Mr. Ellis, and his partner, Mr. Robinson, (see adv., page 35,) and again you are charmed by the location.

Situate on a bluff overlooking the water, you can see the sun rise and set in its illimitable expanse, watch the surf roll in at your feet, and reclining on the piazza of one of the cottages, you sit wrapt in the scene before you.

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Bathing houses are contiguous, sea-fishing and sharking are right at hand, while the delightful cottages already erected add attraction to the place. You drink in the grandeur of the location, and leave it with regret as you turn your team toward the famous

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But a short distance from Sconset, upon a bluff nearly 90 feet above the level of the sea, stands this towering beacon, 65 feet high, from the top of which, at intervals of one minute, bursts forth a flood of light which is visible for many miles out at sea, and it has the reputation of being the best cured for light on the American coast.

The keeper receives you with all courtesy, and politely escorts you over his establishment, after seeing which you no longer wonder at the reputation it enjoys, for its neatness is purity itself.

You have mounted the spiral staircase, counted the treads, (as every one before you has done,) and now are amply repaid for your tedious journey heavenward by a look at the surrounding country.

There is the broad sea, dotted here and there with the white sails of commerce, behind you the beautiful village you have just left, while a distant view of the town and the little fishing hamlets in

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Beautiful Artificial Teeth

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Whole or Partial Dentures.

Allen's Block, (Up Stairs,)

MAIN STREET, NANTUCKET.

the immediate vicinity form a panorama that you cannot find an equal to; go where you may.

Yonder is the Sesachacha Pond, a lake of no mean size, teeming with fish, while beyond it is the fishing station of Quidnet, but as your time is limited, you descend from your lofty perch with regret and wend your way thither, after purchasing from the keeper some of Freeman's excellent photographs of the place as a memento of your visit there.

There is scarcely anything of interest in Quidnet but fishing on the pond, except

THE OLD HERMIT.

Here in a quaint old domicile is the hermit of Nantucket, Frederick Parker, whom all must visit that come here. Seated in his cabin, newspaper in hand, he receives you with evident pleasure; for though he has banished himself from his fellow-men, he yet enjoys the news of the world, and calls from visitors. He must be seen to be understood and is a history in himself.

Leaving the hermit, you return to town, stopping on your way to get a draught of water from the celebrated Eat Fire spring, and lingering near the farm where stood the historic country mansion of "Miriam Coffin," you pass through the farming village of Polpis, arriving at town in due time.

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A SAUNTER IN THE SUBURBS.

Going up Centre Street, you wend your way to what is called the "Uriah Gardner Hill," and take a look at the oldest house on the island.

Situate some distance from the road, it is a quaint old mansion, and with its horse shoe of bricks let into the chimney, put there in the Salem period to scare away witches, and with its long slope roof in the rear, it shows plainly that it is an antiquated place; while the oak knees in the rooms, just like those in a ship to insure strength in storms, tell how our ancestors desired durability and comfort to beauty and elegance. The house fronts due South, our forefathers having the idea that the view in that direction was the correct thing; they taking great pains to lay the sill of their homes by the North Star, going in the evening for that purpose; and this house conforms to the prevailing fashion of that time. It was built in 1686, and now, with only a very little repairs, it would be habitable for many years, notwithstanding the fact that it has stood the storms of nearly two centuries.

From thence, you follow round by the cemeteries of the North Congregational Society (commonly known as the "Gardners' burial-grounds,")

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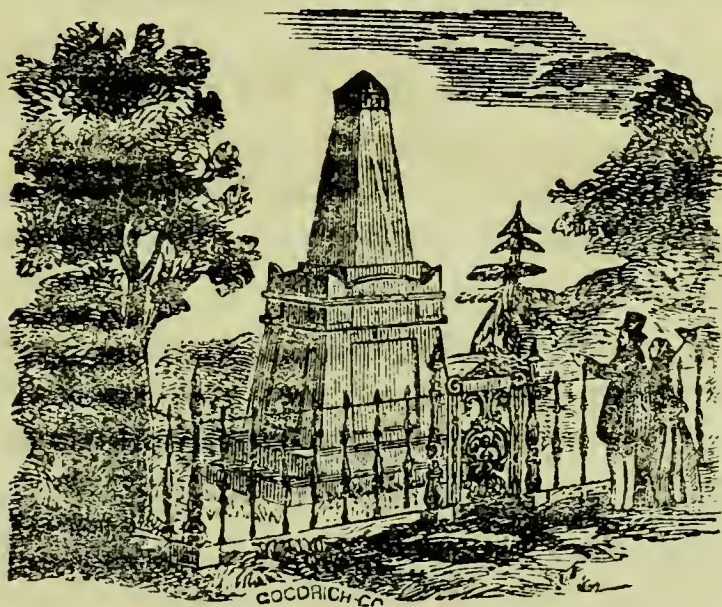
and visit the farm formerly owned by Mr. Benjamin B. Gardner.

It was here that the mother of Dr. Benjamin Franklin was brought up, and traces of the spring where she used to draw water are yet in existence.

Passing beyond this, you come upon the remains of an ancient burying-ground, just to the East of the Maxcy's Pond. There is only one grave left in this city of the dead, and curious to relate, it is the grave of one of the first settlers, who bore the title of "Captain"—John Gardner. The stone is in a fair state of preservation and bears the inscription: "Here lies the body of John Gardner, who was born in y^e year 1624, and died A. D. 1706, aged 82." The records show that he was at one time a magistrate, and he bore an excellent reputation for probity and general information.

Beyond the Maxcy's and Washing ponds you pass the Cupaumi pond and pressing up the abrupt hill to the North, you stand on Trot's hills, where the town of Sherburne was originally located, before it was changed to its present site. Remains of cellars are yet to be seen, but the houses are all gone. The only building left in existence is the one in the rear of the North Congregational church, that is now used by the society for

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the Sunday School and vestry. The date of its erection is unknown but it is supposed to be somewhere in the early part of the eighteenth century. It was built from the oaks with which the island was at that period nearly covered. In 1765 it was moved to Beacon Hill, and in 1834 again moved back a few rods to make room for the new church edifice.

It was in this building that the trial of the Indian Quibby for murder on ship-board was held. All the high dignitaries were present, and the famous Governor Hutchinson presided. The prisoner was sentenced to be hanged by the neck till he was "dead! *dead!* DEAD!" and then remanded back to jail to await execution; but ere the appointed day arrived, as if to show that one murder did not satisfy his blood-thirsty propensities, he quarrelled with a fellow-prisoner, and, seizing him by the throat, choked him until life was extinct. The execution of this doubly-dyed criminal took place in 1769, near what was called the "Newtown Gate," or in the vicinity of where stands the first mile-stone from town, on the road to 'Sconset.


After leaving Trot's Hills you go to Maddekett, where the first settlers lived, and finding all traces of the early inhabitants have disappeared, you return to town satisfied with your saunter.

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thought to be a large iron one, was just outside the edge of the surf, breaking and rending into bits before the mad waves that were rolling furiously ashore, while her cargo of barrels of kerosene oil was all afloat, dashing here and there before the impulse of the wild sea.

It was the ship *Newton* of Hamburg, on a voyage from New York home; and now on this Christmas morning she was going to pieces, while her crew of twenty-seven were all drowned; but one poor unfortunate getting ashore, he having succeeded in landing in a nude condition, walking within a mile of a farm house, and then dying of exposure and exhaustion, the people finding his body as they drove to the scene of the disaster. It was afterwards identified as that of the second mate of the *Newton*.

The affair cast a deep gloom over the horror-stricken community, following, as it did, so closely upon that of the *Haines*.

Nearly all the bodies from both vessels were recovered and the whole community went *en masse* to the funeral services at the M. E. Church, from whence they were buried. The Masons, ascertaining that the captain was a member of the fraternity, took charge of his body and buried it with Masonic rites.

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The following vessels have also been wrecked with loss of life attending them :

Ships *Earl of Eglington* and *Forest Prince*, barks *Cornwallis* and *John Swazey*, and schooner *Rosalie*, these being but few instances of a great many similar occurrences.

While at times there is mournful loss of life, there is also great pleasure in recording heroic attempts to rescue human beings from watery graves, and we note the two following incidents, with great regret that we are so limited for space in this little book and only able to mention what we do.

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The medals not coming till some months later.

Messrs. H. Eldridge and W. Patterson had gold and the rests silver ones.

Gentlemen: It has become my pleasing duty, at the request of the Massachusetts Humane Society, to present to you in the name of that society, two elegant Gold, and ten Silver medals, executed (and engraved for the Society, enclosed in neat cases, and bearing the following inscriptions, commemorative of the object for which they were bestowed: On one side, "Awarded by the Massachusetts Humane Society, to ————" and on the other, "For his humane exertions in rescuing the crew of the Brig *Mariner*, wrecked on Nantucket, Oct., 1845."

But sadness comes over me, when I count these tokens of approbation, and recollect that one, to whom it would have been my pleasure to convey this medal of the Society, has met that fate which this community so long anticipated. From my boyhood up to the moment of his untimely death, when danger was abroad, and one was needed to rush in and rescue life from destruction, there was but one unanimous enquiry, and that was, "where is Meltiah Fisher?" He met his death as you are aware, by one of those dangers to which his whole life was exposed. A short time since, a vessel was seen some miles distant from our harbor in want of a pilot. Alone, in his boat he embarked to render her the assistance required, but ere he reached her, his boat foundered in the sea, and he met a grave in that element over which he had so often rode in its wildest fury.

In expressing the approbation of the Massachusetts Humane Society, and giving these more enduring marks which I have the honor of presenting to you, please accept my personal well wishes for yourselves and your families, and believe me, gentlemen, Respectfully yours, &c.,

P. H. FOLGER.

Nantucket, July 20th, 1846.

To HEMAN ELDREDGE, Ebenezer Gould, George Fisher, Joseph Perry, Hiram Fisher, Jesse Eldredge, WILLIAM PATTERSON, Moses Hamilton, Theoph. Key, John Hall, Henry Young, Meltiah Fisher.

The other case we mention was that of the schooner *Mary Anna*, stranded in about the same place over twenty-five years after the first one, the men going in the night time over rotten ice, and with infinite risk of their own lives saving the lives of six, who were expecting to freeze, and we take especial pride in presenting the names of,—

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We now conclude this volume, with a directory of the public places, want of room compelling us to omit much we had prepared to publish.

NANTUCKET DIRECTORY FOR 1874.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational—N. Centre Street; Rev. H. C. Crane, pastor.
 Methodist Episcopal—Centre Street; Rev. S. E. Evans, pastor.
 Unitarian—Orange Street; Rev. M. A. Haskell, pastor.
 St. Paul's Episcopal—Fair Street; Dr. A. E. Jenks, lay reader.
 First Baptist—Summer Street; Rev. G. D. Fish, pastor.
 Colored Baptist—Pleasant St, cor. York, Rev. J. E. Crawford, pastor.
 Friends' Meeting House—Centre St.; Meetings First and Fifth Days.
 Friends' Meeting House—Fair St.; Meeting First and Fifth Days.
 Roman Catholic—Federal Street, near Main.

SCHOOLS.

Town Schools in Academy Hill Building—head of Gay Street, Mr. C. M. Barrows, principal.
 Coffin School—Winter Street; Mr. E. B. Fox, principal.
 Siasconset School—Miss Lizzie Coggeshall, teacher.
 Polpis School—
 Tuckernuck School—

LIBRARIES.

Atheneum—Lower Pearl Street, corner of Federal.
 Mrs. George C. Ray's Circulating Library—Centre Street.

PUBLIC HALLS.

Atheneum Hall—Lower Pearl Street, Corner of Federal.
 Atlantic Hall—Main Street.
 Wendell's Hall—Main Street.
 Pantheon Hall—Main Street.
 Town Hall—Lower story of Atlantic Hall building.

LODGES.

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Union Lodge, F & A M—J. S. Darney, W M; B. F. Brown, S W; W. B. Starbuck, J W; G. Swain, F; C. P. Swain, Sec.; R. F. Kent, S D; J. Chinery, J D; G. W. Defriez and S. W. Coffin, Stewards; J. W. Hallett, O [This is the 2d oldest Masonic lodge in the state.]
 Isle of the Sea, Royal Arch Chapter.—J. S. Barney, H P; C. H. Jaggar, K; W. B. Starbuck, S; G. W. Macy, T; O. F. Adams, Sec.; G. S. Wilber, C of H; B. F. Brown, P S; R. E. Kenny, R A C; W. Jernegan, M 3d V; R. F. Kent, M 2d V; G. W. Defriez, M 1st V; W. H. Weston, Organist.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Nantucket Lodge, No. 66. (Instituted 1845.)—A. T. Mowry, N G; J. Freeman, V G; A. L. Lee, Treasurer; W. Jernegan, Secretary.
 Wanackmack, Encampment of Odd Fellows, No. 16.—W. Jernegan, C P; J. R. Sprague, H F; A. T. Mowry, S W; H. Paddock, J W; W. H. Waitt, G; W. C. L'Hommédieu, T; C. H. Tracy, Sentinel; Wm. H. Coffin, O D G P for this Encampment.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

A lodge is about to be instituted.

William H. Waitt, D D C M for this district.

The above lodges hold their meetings in Sherburne Hall, Centre St.

SOCIETIES.

Agricultural—Atheneum, (West Room,) A. M. Myrick, President.
 Howard Benevolent—Room on Federal Street; Mrs. George Starbuck, President; Mrs. Harriet Pierce, Secretary. The Ladies' Howard Society was formed in November, 1836, by the union of three previously existing societies, viz:—The Fragment, Benevolent, and Charitable. The Howard Society was incorporated 1846.
 Relief Association for the aid of Indigent, Aged People; Invested Funds, \$2,200. Subscriptions solicited. Mrs. Harriet Pierce, Mrs. David C. Baxter, Mrs. Sarah Townsend, Committee, and a board of Directors comprising twelve other ladies.
 Union Benevolent—Mrs. Mary B. Winslow, President; Mrs. Sarah A. Coffin, Sec. and Treas., and a committee of twelve other ladies.
 Children's Aid—Organized in 1861; Miss L. S. Baker, Secretary.
 Sorosis; Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby, President; Mrs. Charlotte Pearson, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. H. M. Robinson, Sec.; Mrs. C. Starbuck, Treas.
 Humane—building and apparatus on Water street. There are about a dozen Humane houses located at various points round the island.

BANKS.

Pacific National Bank—Corner Main and Centre streets, (fronting the Square); Organized, 1864; Capital, \$200,000. F C Sanford, President; Joseph Mitchell, Cashier.

Institution for Savings—Main street, 2d door below Centre, (up one flight); Joseph C Chase, President; Matthew Barney, Treasurer.

PUBLIC OFFICES.

Custom House—in brick building, owned by Pacific Club, corner of Main and Water streets; James Codd, Collector; Wm H Waitt, Deputy Collector and Inspector; Matthew Macy Inspector.

Post-Office—Main street, opposite Federal; A Whitney, postmaster.
 Town Offices (Selectmen's Room, Register of Deeds and Notary Public (Wm H Macy) Office, Town Clerk's and Collector of Taxes' Office, &c.) Town's building on Union street.

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Probate—Town's building; T C Defriez, Judge, Sam'l Swain, Reg.

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
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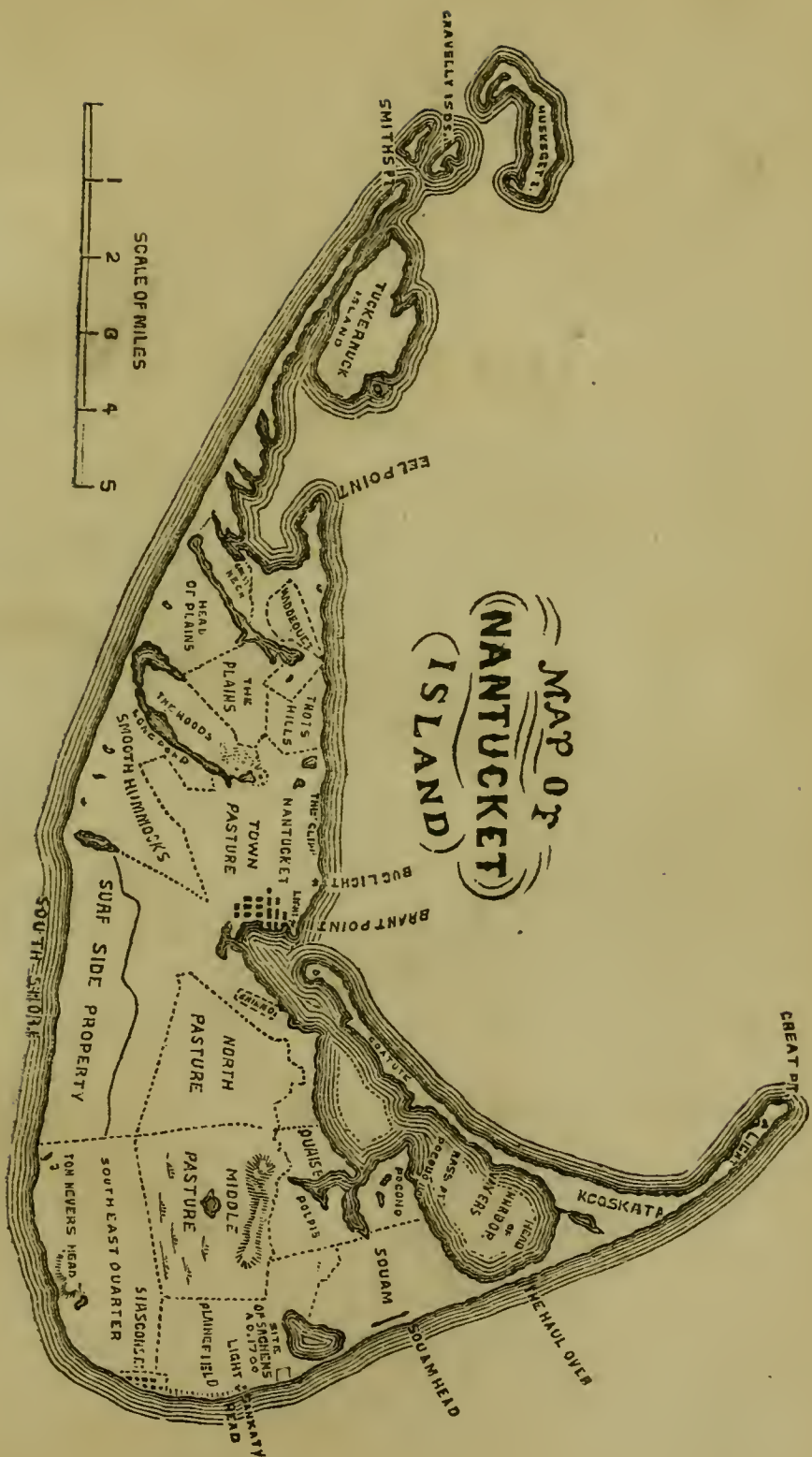


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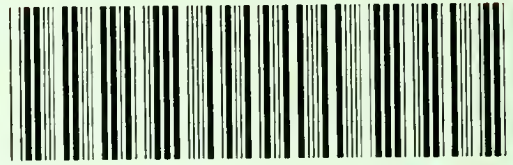
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